

Finessing

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Lecture deals with finessing, defenses against finessing, and the importance of ethics

We talk about tools, not rules.

Definition: ? using the value of the position of cards to exploit the order in which play occurs.

Examples of how good bridge players think: AQ - xx; KQx - xxx; KQT - xxx; AJ9x - xxx;

Importance of count signals. They are tools in your bag.

Strategic finesses: keeping a dangerous hand off lead.

Calculating odds. Eight ever - nine never?

Play the card you are known to hold (generally on defense, but the principle applies offensively as well). Limited scope, but can be effective.

Being careful of hesitations and inattentiveness.

Safety plays. AKxxxx - Jx

Oh, by the way, hold your cards back!

Longer suits and special situations. AJTxxx - xx; AQJT987 - xx. AQTxxx - xx

PLAY WELL, PLAY CLEAN, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME